

Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: March 26, 2007

From :  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 9 (b): Consideration of resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on proposed Ordinance For Stream Protection**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a comment letter to the City of Los Angeles on a proposed Ordinance For Stream Protection

Legislative Authority: Sections 33211 (c) of the Public Resources Code

Background: On April 11, 2006 the Los Angeles City Council established a task force led by the Los Angeles Department of Public Works to revise the definition of “stream” for the City’s regulations and draft a stream protection and restoration ordinance to allow for “reasonable development” while protecting ecosystems in a natural condition and to restore deteriorating streams wherever that opportunity may exist.

The intent of the ordinance is to protect valuable natural resources, protect and maintain existing streams, and to protect and maintain native vegetation in riparian and wetland areas by implementing specifications for the establishment, protection, and maintenance of vegetation along stream systems and/or water bodies within the City of Los Angeles.

A draft letter is attached for consideration.